

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02819-APM**

LEOPOLD et al v. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/28/2017  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/28/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5266649) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED, INC. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/28/2017)

12/28/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsb) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
12/28/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 12/28/2017)
02/07/2018	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua M. Kolsky on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/07/2018	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/08/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Both a Complaint and Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before February 22, 2018. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs' FOIA requests; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs' FOIA requests; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiffs; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/08/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
02/08/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 2/22/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/12/2018)
02/22/2018	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 02/22/2018)
02/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>6</u> February 22, 2018, Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before April 26, 2018, that updates the court on the status of production and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/23/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/23/2018)
02/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 4/26/2018. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/26/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>7</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before May 17, 2018, indicating whether summary judgment briefing will be necessary and, if so, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/27/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/17/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 05/17/2018)
05/21/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before June 14, 2018, that updates the court on the status of the additional searches and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/21/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 05/21/2018)
05/21/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/14/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
06/14/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 06/14/2018)
06/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before July 16, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/15/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/16/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 06/18/2018)

07/16/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before August 13, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/17/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/13/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/13/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
08/13/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
08/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before September 12, 2018, that proposes a production schedule or, if necessary, a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/14/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/14/2018)
08/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/12/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 08/15/2018)
09/12/2018	<u>12</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Joint Status Report</i> by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/12/2018)
09/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiffs' <u>12</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report nunc pro tunc to September 12, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/13/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/13/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 09/13/2018)
09/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before November 16, 2018, that updates the court on their progress and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/14/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 09/14/2018)
09/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/16/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/17/2018)
11/16/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Kolsky, Joshua) (Entered: 11/16/2018)
11/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> November 16, 2018, Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report, on or before January 15, 2019, that updates the court on the search progress. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/19/2018. (lcapm1) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/19/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/15/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
12/26/2018	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Paul Cirino on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Substituting for attorney Joshua M. Kolsky (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/23/2019	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay in <i>Light of Lapse in Appropriations</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 01/23/2019)
01/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>16</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Stay Proceedings as soon-to-be moot. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report no later than February 5, 2019, updating the court on Defendant's search and processing of responsive information. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/25/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 01/29/2019)

02/05/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report by April 5, 2019, updating the court on search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/06/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Cirino, Paul) (Entered: 06/04/2019)